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THE PRAIRIE NEWS.

JOHN D. RICHARDSON, EDITOR.

OKOLONA, MISS:

Wednesday, February 3, 1858. Postmasters are requested to act as Agents.

13 We are authorized to announce JOHN B. fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of G. W. Fooshee. Election 13th February, inst.

The Rev. Mr. Gibson will preach in the Episcopal Church, at Okolona, on the first, second, and third Sundays of each month, and at Pontotoc on the fourth and fifth Sundays.

We will furnish either Peterson or Arthur's Magazie and the Prairie News one year, to subscribers, for \$3,00. Thus giving the subscriber \$4 worth for \$3.00. Persons desiring to take us up at this proposition, should send in their names immediately. This offer is made only to new subscribers.

What has become of the Mobile Mercvry? The last mail brought us a whole armful of all the other Mobile papers, but nary Mercury. Come send it up, we value it highly as an exchange.

our books. If the paper is not returned continue sending

> us an exquisite ason of the year is less a present. We imagine who thought so at hope whispered, some thus greets you a welcome to

e City; and we thought as some e has-Yes, lovely flower, I find in thee Wild sweetness which no words express, And charms in thy simplicity

That dwell not in the pride of dress."

We are told that it grew in Mr. SHAN-NON's garden.

It will be seen by reference to the candidates corner that Mr. JOHN B. BEAN, is announced as an aspirant for the Constabulary. He is a business young man, and undoubtedly would make a good offi- as can be executed in the South. Two

The Rev. Mr. Gibson, has taken charge of the Episcopalian Church in our town. He is a gentleman of the most exalted talents, which, added to a thly cultivated, and richly stored mind, ently qualify him for eloquently and topically expounding the scriptures.

The editor of the Ripley Advertisborn with a silver ve some OUR TOWN.

Like all others, has its disadvantages, but, unlike all others, these disadvantages are greatly counter-balanced by the almost innumerable advantages that sur-round us. It is true that there are a few ing off—the shadowy fears, the flickering almost innumerable advantages that surinconveniences with which it seems we hopes that in turn cast their influence on Col. John S. Torr of Pontotoc was call might dispense, and would call the atten- our mind, we leave to brights of the pen ed to the Chair, and W.O. Cook, Esq. tion of the City Fathers to the awful and very dangerous condition of our streets and sidewalks. They would do very well just about to realize the wish of Burnsif nobody but home-folks were able to see them, but many strangers are daily passing through and stopping in our otherwise agreeable town, and it creats an unfavorable impression on their minds in regard to the liberality of our citizens .-Any one shooting or committing any misdemeaner within the corporate limits are fined, and as there are other sources of revenue, we think that sufficient, at least, could be spared from the city coffers to dig a ditch along either side of the streets so as to drain them of the water which collects and remains in them. We are willing to peril our shins and jeopardize our noses a while longer on the "holy" plank sidewalks, if some of this mud could be gotten out of the way. But, notwithstanding the mud and the wear and tear of shoes consequent, "our town" is rapidly improving and bids fair to be one of BEAN as a Candidate for county Constable, to the most business places in North or East Mississippi. Improvement is stamped upon everything within the precincts of Okolona. Our blacksmith shops thunder in our ears and bring to our mind that " by the sweat of our brow shall we eat bread." Five or six large dry-goods establishments daily measure off thousands of yards of calicos and domestics. and we confidently say to all within fifty miles of Okolona, that if you want good and cheap bargains and wish to give your trade to gentlemanly and clever men, consult our advertising columns and the merchant who has the articles of which you stand in need, come or send and get them, and, our word for it, you will be perfectly satisfied that you have gotten as good bargains as can be bought We send this number of our pathis side of Mobile. A plentiful supply per to some who are not subscribers, of the best and freshest groceries are alwhom we would be glad to enter upon ways on hand, which rivabeven the drygoods in cheapness. We have the very they will be considered as wishing us to best of schools, both male and female .-Messes. Harrington & Willicox of the self authorized to Okolona Male School, are gentlemen of

f authorized to Okolona Male School, are gentlemen of the American party is "dead," no one their better judgements, and with no purper. E. C. Gideon, the inguest sconding, and nave won its hot utterly reckless as to his reputation Board of Directors, in declaring to secret to the Baldwin; Constable. themselves an enviable reputation as the work of a just conception of the fluty in the premises of a just conception of the fluty in the premises of a just conception of the fluty in the premises of a just conception of the Stockhell —have overlooked the interest of the Stockhell —have overlooke Constable, themselves an enviable reputation as shoose to McCurdy, of the Female Institute, stands unrivalled in this branch of the noble profession. Four Churches weekly summon us to the shrine of worship, and some of the best educated preachers in the country delight us with their explanations of the Scripture. Two drug stores interests of the South. vend their healing potions to those who are afflicted with the ills that flesh is heir to. Two hotels (one of which, the White In solitude a delightful companion; in

House, affords an example which the adversity an offerer of consciation; in inns of some larger cities well might imithe social quiet of home a most genial tate) gladden the palate of the weary comfort; but most particularly are its traveler, revive the spirits of the care- lulling influences felt, and appreciated, worn business man, and furnishes viands just after a hearty dinner when one finds that would tempt the appetite of the most himself complimented by being presenluxurious epicure, Two well-kept livery stables always have on hand a supply of the best provender. Several carpenter and cabinet shops turn out as good work as good harness and saddlery manufac-

tories as can be found anywhere, are here to furnish anything in their line of business, and besides all these, numbers of candy, toy, and liquor establishments, and all the one horse et cetras which are usually found in a growing and fast place, are to be found in Okolona, and we heard some time ago, that there was a company

organized to put up telegraphic wires from Mobile to this place, which will be done in the course of two or three months. In fact, nothing remains to complete a

> of the cars, which we will eek exchanges

Last week was an eventful one in our history, and shall hereafter be reckoned an epoch in our life. As to how we felt and seissors to imagine-none others can fancy the inexpressible feelings of one

"O wad some power the giftie gie us, To see oursels as others see us." We scanned the proof-sheet with an eager eye, and were gratified at the appearance we made. There were a few typographical errors, though, which were passed over by our critical eye, in the excitement of the moment, and suffered to remain uncorrected. We have entered a new and untried path, one which is full of vexation and trouble-one in which we can but expect to meet with arduous difficulties and sore disappointments and be eternally bothered (if our cotemporaries are to be believed) with that " wait a bit" thorn, delinquency. We have not taken up the tripod to show off our talents; have no such vainglorious ambition to satisfy; but, in saying this, we do not express a want of confidence in ourself. We became an editor because we considered it to our interest, and in doing so, thought that we would be able to make the NEWS what everybody wants, a good paper. This should not be regarded as an egotistic assertion, but one which every man ought to have the frankness to express. We mentioned in our Salutatory that the News would be, as formerly, an advocate of American principles. We possess no title, nor lay any claim to the name of a politician, but we have a right and think it is our duty to advocate and maintain principles which we think just, upright, and patriotic: and ration of public policy, alike demand the prompt what is more, we esteem it the special and speedy completion of the R ad to Okolona. prerogative of editors to say what they please in reference to polities, as well as other matters, and we, for one, intend to exercise this privilege. American sentiments are instinctive with as; but we do not pretend to say that there is an American party—the principles alone remain. Older political heads than ours ers." That the Democratic, as well as able facts, we think, with all due deterence of

expression, "both parties," as implying ers and of the country at rige, and yield dictates of policy, which, it persisted in with in their existence. Circumstances and accidents must create new parties, and we hold ourself in readiness to attach ourself and the influence of our paper to the one which we think most favorable to the

Who does not love a good cigar? ted with a dozen or so of fine cigars :-Yes, social friend, I love thee well,

In learned doctors spite; Thy clouds all other clouds dispell, And lap me in delight."

So whenever you feel inclined to be thrown into an estacy of delight, just walk over to WILLIAMS & DARDEN'S, buy some of their fine eigars, and in ten of our trade and travel, we, on the other hand, buy some of their nne cigars, and in ten claim the right to have and to enjoy the full beneminutes you'll feel too good for this wick- fit of the Road-to have it brought within a rea-

being at a froze, he says :

"I didn' stay long, the fact is, we had been ather familiar in our intercourse with a jog of Red Eye which the squire had on band, and consequently soon found ourself feeling limber, and made the discevery that navigation was rather diffifect picture of a business and agree- cult, impeded by what "deponent saith city but the absence of mpd not," not knowing. After proceeding some distance we reached a brook of clear crystal water, and the thought struck us that if we were a horse how easily we could imbibe of the liquid trickling stream. Almost instantareously we imagined ourself transformed into a horse, then | the delicious liquid with a delight hitheret- to unknown. Having taken in a sufficient to our satisfaction, we gaily tashed up ate return for such expenditure.

the next moment found us

PUBLIC MEETING.

At a large and respectable meeting of citizens of the counties of Chickasaw, Pontotoc, and Monroe, held in the town of Okolona, on Saturday the 30th of Jan 1858, on motion of Dr. Jos. BRETNEY. of Chickasaw appointed Secretary.

The Chairman having briefly explained the object of the meeting. Col. Elt ABBOTT and B. H. SHEPPARD, Esq., were called upon to address the assemblage on the subject of their late conference with the Directors of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company, both of whom responded at some length, and in a manner which claimed the respectful and earnest

attention of those present. On motion, the Chair then appointed the following gentlemen as a Committee to prepare and report resolutions for the consideration of the meeting, viz: B. H. SHEPPARD, WILLIAM LIGON, JOHN E. TUCKER, ELI ABBOTT, FLEMING HODG-ES, E. J. CHAMBERS, G. W. THORNTON, J. A. SYKES, and J. B. GLADNEY.

In due time, Maj. Shepparp, on behalf of the Committee, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, as expressive of the sense of this community on the subjects to which they refer.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors for the Mobile and Ohio Railread Company, have unconditionally rejected the several propositions submitted by a former meeting at this place, for the purpose of raising, in whole or in part, the means cessary for completing the Read from its present terminus to the town of Olelona; And, WHEREAS, this meeting stands propared to reaffirm the justice and the propriety of each and all the propositions thus submitted and rejected: Therefore, be it

 Resulted. That in the opinion of this meeting, the interest of the Stockholders in the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, the successful administration of the affairs of the Company, and every consider

and speedy compared to accomplish this object, it is, as we conceive, not only the right, but the duty of the Board of Directors, to apply, forthwith all the means at their command—especially with, all the means at their commi the fund known as " the Okolona contingent subscription"—the amount appropriated by the last Session of the Mississippi Legisldure, and the admit that the American and Democratic parties are both "gathered to their fath-

> ers and of the country at rge, and yielded to the eign capitalists, having to sympathy in commo

> was originally concercit.
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> 4. Resolved. That is the judgment of this meeting, it is fair to preune, that those of our fellow-eitizens who subsected for Stock in this Road. payable when it half have been completed to Okolona, did so with the understanding that their money was to b used in aid of building or equipping the road their own vicinity, and not in t

payment of wek done fifty or an hundred miles distant from tem and their business. 5. Resolve. That, in the opinion of this meeting, the Leg-lature of Mississippe, in authorizing the Chicknew School Fund to be loaned to the Mobile an Ohio Railroad Company, never con templatechat that fund was to be used in the payment f debts incurred for building the Road yond, r outside of the region of the Chickasaw Countie; and that any such application of the fund would be illegitimate and altogether foreign to theinfention of the Act authorizing the loan. 6, Resolved, That whilst we disclaim any wish

or prose to infringe upon the rights of others, mit that the Income-Bond helders have no right to say that, as long as the road stops where it was does, our freight and passage money be-lag to them. If they, or their friends for them, taim the exclusive right to pocket the proceeds sonable distance of our cetton, grain, and other produce—our farms, store houses, and marts of has a very factions editor. Speaking of Bonds, so far are the holders of such bonds justly entitled to all the privileges claimed for them. and with their vested rights we have no dispesition to interfere; but, at the same time, we should like to be allowed the privilege of using the profits arising from our own trade in the extension of the road, as provided for by the char ter, and as demanded by the wants of the country and the best inferests of the Road itself. The means we desire to use can, under existing cir-cumstances, avail the bond holder little or noth-ing—apply them as we propose, and they will prove to have been his best security.

7. Resolved That, though our votes may count but little and our influence less, we hereby declare that, in justice to ourselves, we cannot support, for Director or other officer of the Board any man who may be known to be opposed to the aim and spirit of these resolutions; and that we hereby recommend to the Stockholders in the inthen the delicions Band with a delicit being the delicities of the in an enterprise upon which, years ago, they have bestowed so much of their labor and treasure, supply, and played in the mudand water | without having received, thus far, any commensur-

8. Resolved, That a copy of these slant, but just as we thought of break- be forwarded by the Secretary to His Excellency r pace to walk leisurely through a the Governor of this State, and that we respectd-bed, we shied at a big black fully appeal to him, if the views herein expresse should meet his approval, to withhold the Chick-asaw School Fund from the officers of the Mobile standing against a knotty
This brought us to our sensminutes we were cosily

asaw School Fund from the chickes of the may be
satisfied that they are prepared to use the same
in the manner contemplated by the Act of the

Legislature. 9. Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a Committee of — persons, whose duty it shall be to proceed to Mobile at as early a day as practicable, after the organization of a new Board of Directors, and confer with them in reference to the objects of this meeting.

10. Resolved, That the editor of the "Prairie

News" be requested to publish these proce been adopted without a dissenting voice, pon designated the held the Chairman the as the Committee following gentled provided for whi KER, W. O. Cook, tion. Therefore, wif: Je

ELI ABBOTT, J. B. GLADNEY, FLEMING HODIES, JOS. BRETNEY, B. F. WHEEL-ER, D.C. HUBBARD, and W. F. WALKER, of Clickasaw, and B. H. SHEPPARD of

A resolution was then introduced and adopted, respectfully urging upon the annul meeting of the Stockholders the propiety of giving to Chickasaw and Monoe counties, each, a Director in the new Board, and recommending Eli AB-BOTT and B. H. SHEPPARD as the choice of the meeting to be voted for as Directors or this section of the country.

A resolution was also adopted requesting stockholders to send in their proxies to some member of the Committee at Okoona.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned. JOHN S. TOPP, Chairman. W. O. COOK, Secretary.

EDITORIAL NEWS ITEMS.

he Indian mutineers have been defeared by Gen. Campbell. Lucknow has bers evacuated by the English.

The British man of war Sappho capured a slaver of 1000 tons on the west east of Africa. Eight hundred slaves wee thrown overboard by the slavers, af of whom were drowned.

The U. S. Steamship Fulton left Asph wall on the 17th, to convey Gen. Lamir to San Juan del Norte.

A British mail steamer, the Valima, as been wrecked. All saved.

Davis of Mississippi has made a fiery speech against the Freesoilism of the North, and threatened war against it.

Facing the Music.

Both Houses of the Alabama Legislaare have unanimously adopted the folwing preamble and resolutions, which how very plainly which way the cat will amp, in case Kansas is rejected under he Lecompton Constitution:

The Committees on Federal Relations. f the Senate and House of Representatives, acting jointly, under instructions from their respective Houses, have unanimously agreed upon the following Preamble and Joint Resolutions, providing for the call of a Convention, by the Executive, upon the refusal by Congress to admit Kansas into the Union, with the Constitution recently adopted by a Convention of the people, at Lecompton; and recommend their unanimous adop-

Allen C. Jones, of Greene and Marenzo, Ch'n of Senate Committee; E. C Bellock, of Barbour;

James McKinne, of Dale and Henry; Robert S. Heffin, of Randolph; Wm. Fleming, of Madison; Adam C. Felder, of Montgomery and

James B. Martin, of Talledega Co. h'n of House Committee: Henry D. Clayton, of Barbour;

Henry Dawson Smith, of Landerdale; E.A. Powell, of Tuscaloosa; Taos. E. Irby, of Dallas; Ambrose Cullum, of Choetaw; James Walker Echols, of Macon;

Stephen W. Harris, of Madison. WHEREAS, the people of Alabama, of dl political parties, in their primary assemblages and party conventions, as well as by the unanimous voice of their General Assembly, have heretofore announced the following as among the fundamental principles of their political creed:

That Alabama, in their judgment, will and ought to resist, even (as a last resort) to a disruption of every tie, which binds her to the Union, any action of Congress, upon the subject of slavery in gear the foot of his bed, ovr a furnace the District of Columbia, or in places subject to the jurisdiction of Congress, casionally inflated this shirt and hence incompatible with the safety, domestic the ghost! Let all ghost-sers rememtranquility, the rights and honor of the ber the shirt-spectre and the ervous poet. slave-holding States or any act regulating the slave trade between the slaveholding States; or any refusal to admit that Commodore Paulding as drunk at as a State, any Territory hereafter applying, because of the existence of slavery therein, or any act prohibiting the intro- ding on board one of their vessels, feasted duction of slavery into the Territories of Utah or New Mexico, or any act repealing or materially modifying the laws now the honor of our country ind the good in force for the recovery of fugitive slaves. name of our navy, the Engish succeeded And whereas, the Federal Constitution, in their dishonorable design as well as the Kansas Nebraska act, plainly guaranteed to the bona fide inhabitants of the Territory of Kansas, Message, where he says Commodore when their number was sufficient, the Paulding was "actuated by patriotic mo right to in a convention, composed either tives." It is no uncommon occurrence of the people themselves, or of delegates for a man to get very patrictic when for chosen by them, and when thus assem- of wine. chosen by them, and when thus assembled, to frame a Constitution, with or without slavery, as to them might seem proper, and with a Constitution thus framed, to demand an unqualified admission into the Union, as a State:

And whereas, Kaisas has exercised

And whereas, Karsas has exercised this plain Constitutional right, and is expected to ask admission into the Union, and the refusal of Congress to receive her, would be a plan violation of this great constitutional fight, and of the principles herein set forth to the maintenance of which Alabama has been so of-

ten and so solemnly pledged:
Therefore, while this General Assembly will not assume, is advance, to dietate the course to be taken by the State of Alabama, in the event Kansas should be refused admission into the Union, they The preamble and resolutions having nevertheless feel constrained by a high nevertheless feel constrained by a high a Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty, in the firm conviction that if Mr. Buchanan as rally opposed to sense of duty as a sense o sense of duty, in the arm sense of duty, and d he ninth resolution, bled, may determine their course of ac- upon it, he is recally opposed to

Be it resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened: That in the event Kansas shall apply at the present or any future session of Congress, into the Union, as a State, with and under the Constitution heretofore framed and adopted by her, and commonly known as the Lecompton Constitution, and shall be by Congress refused admission, the Governor of this State is hereby respectfully instructed, by proclamation, to assemble the qualified voters of this State, # the usual places of voting in their respective counties, to elect delegates to a State Convention, on a day to be by him appointed, within ninety days from the time when he shall receive satisfactory endence of such action by Congress

2. Be it further resolved, Tip the Governor shall, by his proclamation, fix a day for the holding of a Convention, at the Capitol of the State, not later than twenty days after the day fixed for such

election. 3. Be it further resolved, That shall be the duty of the Governor to ssue to the Sheriffs of the several counts, writs of election, for as many delegars from each county, to said Convention as the several counties shall be entitled; members in the House of Representaives of the General Assembly; and spl election shall be held at the usual faces of voting in the respective counties and the polls shall be opened unler the ales and regulations now governing the ection of members of the General Asmbly of this State, and said election shi be roverned in all respects, by the les then in existence, regulating the election of nembers in the House of Representives in the General Assembly, and e persons elected thereat as delegates paid Con-

vention shall be returned in a manner. 4. Be it further resolved, pat copies of the foregoing Preamble of Resolutions be forwarded to our stators and Representatives in Congres, and to the Governors of all our sisters des of the

After some ittle talking but the ma-chinery of the Joint Resol ins, for call-ing the proposed Converts, the votes taken, on the motions of L Cocke, to suspend the rule to givetle Resolutions the necessary readings in o pass them. by ayes and noes; any the votes were

each 32 ays, and non sinle No! A SECT AT COY PALDING .- The New Orlans Crescet, of he 6th inst., fires shot into compdore Paulding, as follows :

The attoriety o his jegal, anwarranted and coward outage upon Gen. Walker at Ponta renas will cling to him as the shirt of Nessa clung to Hercuies, and if he has partile of manhood left be will rid hirelf of without delay

forth by mythologic display of an overwhelming orce, he had the latter completely in his ower, and a man who acted without autority, as admitted by his letter to the lepartment of the Naty, the only henorale resource left him is to hang himself, hoot himself, drown himself, poison himsef, or do something that will rid his courry of the reproach of his continued itality. The hirteen colonies had an Anold, but he possesed decency enough toquit their service and engage in that of heir enemies,

A FRIGHTENED POET-N. P. Willis hashad a ghost encounter at Idlewild .-Wadng in the night, he saw something moving at the foot of his bed. The figure wash human form, and wavel its arms. Ever and anen it would swell nto unnatural proportions, and then rais both arms towards the ceiling. Wills confesses that he was frightened. He rose with sweat drops on his brow, nered himself to the extreme of daring, approached the sgure, and clutched it-whe lo! it was his own silk shirt! It had been hung register. The column of sarm air oc-

PATRIOTISM .- It is currently reported the time he captured Gen Walker. It appears that British officers nyited Paul-This disclosure will account for the

expression of Mr. Buchana in his late

pression, by saying he we actuated by patriotic motives."-AlaiVhig.

Is Friday an 'UNIXY DAY?'—
The year 1858 begins and do on Friday,
January, April, Juv. Ocher an December, have five Fridays ich. April and
December end on Frida and January
and October begin in Friay. There are
fifty-three Fridays in the ear. We trushowever, it will no promore disastron than 1857.

No FEELABUSTRING-Last ever a young gentlems was sked by a lady a-bust-ers.-